

WHAT MY LOVER SAID.

By the merest chance in the twilight gloom,
In the orchard path he met me—
In the tall wet grass with its faint perfume,
And I tried to pass but he made no room;
Oh, I tried, but he would not let me;
So I stood and blushed till the grass grew red,
With my face bent down above it.
While he took my hand as he whispering said,
How the clover lifted its pink sweet head,
To listen to all that my lover said!
Oh, the clover in bloom! I love it.

In the high wet grass went the path to hide,
And the low wet leaves hung over,
But I could not pass on either side,
For I found myself, when I vainly tried,
In the arms of my steadfast lover.
And he held me there and he raised my head,
While he closed the path before me;
And he looked down into my eyes and said—
How the leaves bent down from the boughs overhead.

To listen to all that my lover said,
Oh, the leaves hanging lowly o'er me!

I am sure that he knew, when he held me fast,
That I must be all unwilling;
For I tried to go, and I would have passed,
As the night was come with its dew at last,
And the sky with its stars was filling.
But he clasped me close, when I would have fled.

And he made me hear his story,
And his soul came out from his lips and said—
How the stars crept out when the white moon fled.
To listen to all that my lover said,
Oh, the moon and the stars in glory!

I knew that the grass and leaves will not tell,
And I'm sure that the wind, precious rever,
Will carry his secret so safely and well,
That no being will ever discover
One word of the many that rapidly fell
From the eager lips of my lover.

And the moon and the stars that looked
ever
Shall never reveal what a fairy-like spell
They wove round about us that night in the dell.

In the path through the dew laden clover;
Nor the whispers that made my heart swell
As they fell from the lips of my lover.

ALL SORTS.

—The Prince of Wales is travelling incog as the earl of Chester, in Austria. The landlords catch on, however, and "charge Chester charge."—Boston Post.

—Before Canon Farrar called George W. Childs his "ideal American gentleman," he probably secured Mr. Childs' promise to write an obituary poetry about him.—Boston Herald.

—A writer says "cigarettes are undignified." That's so, and they lack in self respect, too. How can they be otherwise and associate with the class of people they do.—Binghamton Republican.

—Hamlet—Be thou as chaste as an ice-berg, as pure as the virgin juice of the Pleasant valley grape, thou shalt not escape, calamity. Get thee to a distillery, in Davenport go—Hamlet—Go too? Thanks, I'll go three, or even four. I'm just my time o' day.

—A north side school teacher showed me an excuse which a ten-year-old boy wrote for his absence one day last week. He signed his father's name to it. It read as follows: "Miss—: Please excuse Joey. He was necessarily obtained."—Chicago News.

—"Is Washington's birthday observed in Texas?" asked a New Yorker who was visiting San Antonio. "Observed!" exclaimed the astonished native, "why its venerated. It takes four carloads of beer to fill the demand on that sacred day."—Texas Siftings.

—Wife—Mother is going to leave us to-day. She is going home. Husband—(aside)—Darned glad. (Aloud)—Is she my dear? I'm sorry she's going. We can't stay any longer. I am going to see her to the depot, and as I return I will call at the library and change the book. Is there any particular book you want? H—H'm! Yes; bring me "Paradise Regained."—Boston Courier.

—A London paper recently ended a critical notice of a new tenor by the following astonishing statement: "He was sentenced to five years penal servitude, so that society will for some time be freed from the infliction of his presence." This extraordinary assertion was simply owing to the fact that an end of a trial had been "lifted" and left at the bottom of the tenor, to which it formed such an inappropriate appendage.

—"Aren't you going around to the ward caucus to-night?" "No, I don't think I can spare the time, I'm rushed nowadays. I've got to stay down town this evening." "There's some talk of holding a meeting of the baseball managers after the caucus and—" "Dear me! Blinks, here's supper money. Stay down to-night and attend that Henrico matter and the Blits Brothers' account. Good night. Ready now, Sam? I'm with you.—Tid Bits.

WAS BURIED ALIVE.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 3.—In the summer of 1875 Mr. Charles Scobee came to this state and settled in the northwest part of the country, where he engaged in farming. He had a wife, and a son and a daughter aged 8 years and 6 years respectively.

The first year of their residence here the daughter was taken ill with fever and died. She was buried on the homestead, and a neat fence enclosed her grave. A few months afterwards the son died, and his remains were laid beside those of his sister. The parents' grief at their loss was intense, and Mrs. Scobee persuaded her husband to sell out and return to their old home and kindred. They were in straitened circumstances, and their dead was left here for a time.

Friday Mr. Scobee arrived in the city and had the bodies exhumed. The coffins were opened for the purpose of seeing what condition the bodies were in, but the father was horror-stricken when the lid of the coffin of his daughter was lifted.

The sight that met his gaze caused the blood in his veins to run cold. There lay her skeleton with her face turned to the bottom of the coffin, and the heavy hands raised above the head, clanking two handfuls of hair she had pulled from the head.

"Buried alive!" was the verdict of those who saw it.

The grief of the father was heart-rending, and he continued to chide himself and bewail the sad, horrible death of his child. The remains were shipped yesterday for the home of the parents, accompanied by the most distracted father.

CHICAGO SPECULATORS AND MINNEAPOLIS MILLERS.

The malicious wrath of the Chicago grain gamblers, and the hysterical accusations of the Chicago Tribune against the Miller's Association of Minneapolis, has given rise to a controversy which is attracting the attention of the whole country. The Millers are vehemently charged with having entered into a speculative scheme to depress the price of wheat. Nothing could be more completely a misrepresentation of the facts. The Minneapolis market deals in wheat, and the Millers buy wheat and make flour, but do not gamble. They have bought very extensively this season. They found some time ago that the high price of wheat, the low price of flour, and the advance in transportation rates had rendered it impossible to manufacture without loss. They had actually on hand about eleven million bushels of wheat. The Chicago speculators had bulled the market to a high price. The millers concluded to sell a part of their wheat, and accordingly sold several million bushels on the Chicago Board for delivery at a date not greatly distant. What the millers sold was wheat; but the Chicago speculators did not realize this. For every bushel of actual wheat that is honestly sold on the Chicago Board there are five thousand fictitious sales, settlement being made by the payment of balances one way or the other. But the millers sold wheat, and when the time for delivery came they proceeded to deliver wheat. This was too much for the speculative bulls. It spoiled all their calculations. They had bought wheat from Minneapolis, and they were obliged to take wheat. And their speculative market has in consequence been badly shattered. This is the whole story. The millers had on hand more grain than they could afford to grind considering current prices; and so they sold a part of their stock—not half of it—to Chicago dealers at the price those dealers were offering, and like honest men they proceeded to deliver the goods. The Chicago speculators are trying to make it appear that the millers sold what they did not have in order to depress the market and cover their sale by buying at low prices of the farmers. But the facts are otherwise and are as we have already stated them. It was merely the surprise of a legitimate transaction that has so shocked and agitated the Chicago grain market.

A LITTLE BLACK JONAH.

The Atlanta Constitution publishes the following dispatch from Burton, Alabama, "About ten days ago a small negro boy, whose mother lives on the Alabama river, about two miles from this place, was missing. This child was in the habit of playing near the river bank, and, it was supposed, fell into the river and was drowned, and as the mother seemed indifferent about its loss very little search was made for the body. This morning at an early hour some negroes discovered a very large catfish playing in the river near the landing at this place, and securing some small boats and seine the monster fish was quickly surrounded by a group of astonished spectators. The fish was carried to the depot and weighed, tipping the beam at 167 pounds. One of our butchers purchased it from the captor, intending to ship it Montgomery or Selma for sale. On opening the fish, the butcher was horrified to find a pair of small shoes, a hat and what appeared to have been a pair of trousers and a shirt. While excited groups of citizens were discussing the remarkable find, some one suggested that perhaps the fish had swallowed the missing negro boy. The mother was sent for and at once identified the shoes and hat as belonging to her boy that was supposed to have been drowned, and there is no doubt that the fish had swallowed the body and failed to digest the clothing. The missing boy was about five years old, but of very small stature for that age, and no one who has seen it doubts the fish's ability to swallow a boy of that size."

THE GRAY DAYS.

Evermore all the days are long, and the cheerless skies are gray,
Restlessly wander the baffling words that scatter the blinding spray.
And the drifting currents come and go like serpents across my way.

Wearily fades the evening dim, drearily wears the night.
The ghostly mists, and the hurrying clouds, and the broken crests of white.

Have blotted the stars from the desolate skies; have curtained them from my sight.
Speeding alone my wave-tossed bark on counters no passing sail,
Welcoming friends nor challenging foe answers my eager hail.

Only the sobbing, unquiet waves and the wind's unceasing wail.
Hopefully still my sails are bent, my pilot is faithfully true.

He holds my course as tho' the seas and the mirrored skies were blue
And the port of peace, where the winds are still, were evermore in view.

For over the spray and the mist and the clouds, shines the eternal sun.
The unchanging stars in the curtained dome still gleam when the day is done.

And the mists will be kissed from the laughing skies when the port of rest is won.

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CANADIAN.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Chittied, a hotel-keeper of Dorchester, got two sample packets of baking powder, and his daughter made a cake, using one of the packets. The cake was short and musty, and the hotel-keeper, F. White, night porter, and the hotel hostler, paragon of the place, with the aid of strong medicine promptly administered the men's stomachs. The powder proved to be a mixture of potash, which is poisonous.

Col. Williams, commanding the Seventh Regiment, has been suspended. The reason assigned for this act on the part of the acting deputy adjutant general is the alleged failure of Col. Williams to report a letter from Capt. S. Frank Peters, Capt. Peters claims that during his service in the Northwest he became a victim of rheumatism, and that he had suffered therefrom ever since, and it is understood his name was put in for compensation and on this account he was not reported to the department.

Sailed Fleming and Mr. D. A. Smith were knighted for services rendered in connection with the Canadian Pacific. The Canadian Pacific Railway's earnings for the week ending the 21st were \$182,000, an increase of \$38,000 over the same week last year.

Signal Service reports the steamer "Dufferin" of Halifax a total wreck at Anticosti Island, at the same place the "Dufferin" was wrecked. The Earl of Dufferin was engaged in saving the cargo of the "Dufferin" and was driven ashore during a heavy gale. The crew are in tents on the beach at about the same place where the "Dufferin" passengers and crew were stranded. Assistance can hardly be sent from here now, as all lightships and buoys have been removed from the river, navigation being practically closed. Besides the heavy sea which has prevailed for the last few days almost prevent any chance from leaving port.

Perros, Nov. 26.—John Nogan, hostler of the Britannia Hotel, was struck by an express train this morning and instantly killed. His remains were scattered on the track.

Two deaths occurred in Charlottetown yesterday. No new cases have developed. There is one case reported from Georgetown and from Montague, P. E. I. Confined cases are being restored, and citizens are practicing themselves for vaccination.

Arrives from Sydney, C. B., state that small pox is spreading there.

Hamilton, Nov. 18.—The Ontario Canning company has shipped seven carloads of canned tomatoes via the Canadian Pacific all rail route to Winnipeg within the last two weeks.

Arthur Cline, back owner, has been committed for trial for stealing a thousand-dollar bill from an American named Hunt at Hamilton three years ago. John Sheridan, Cline's son-in-law, testified that the prisoner received the thousand-dollar bill from Hunt in mistake for a one-dollar bill. Hunt declines to come from California to prosecute.

The banks are uniting to compel the government to reduce the rate of interest on savings bank deposits. It is understood a motion in this direction was submitted to the executive of the Ontario Manufacturers' Association yesterday.

PROVINCIAL.

A mail named Smith 70 years of age who lived a few miles east of Minnedosa, had his leg broken in two places on Tuesday last.

\$1,100 was the amount realized from the sale of lands in the Municipality of Odanah on Friday last, and about \$1,200 from that of Swatara on the day following Saturday.

A man named Mills, from Portage la Prairie, who was up in the Riding Mountain last winter prospecting, has been in the same locality, and returned to the Portage on Saturday evening last. He had secured several samples of what appeared to be crude petroleum, and was well pleased with the result of his mission. He intends to return to the scene of operations in a few days.

Mr. D. M. Butchart, hardware merchant of Lloyd City, and his wife have been badly injured by the loss of relatives by the wreck of the Algoma. Mr. Frost and Mrs. Frost were brother-in-law and sister to Mr. Butchart, while Mr. McIntyre, one of the stewards who was lost, was a brother to Mr. Butchart. Mr. Frost was on his way to Lloyd City to take charge of the business while Mr. and Mrs. Butchart went to spend the winter in Ontario.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Dec. 2.—The pay for today brought to the Portage station an enormous man whom the officials had paid up a half a mile this side of High Bluff, lying beside the track. Dr. Milroy was summoned, and in a short time the injured man was sufficiently sensible to give his name. His face had been badly bruised, and was hardly recognizable. He proved to be Mr. Alexander Best, Ogilvie's grain buyer at High Bluff. All he could remember in his confused state was having been speaking to Mr. McGaw, agent for the Ogilvie mill company, on the train, and supposed he had tried to step off beyond the switch, and probably caught his foot in the act. He has sustained no serious injury, and will be around shortly. He is a sober young man and has many friends at Gladstone and High Bluff.

Mr. John M. Egan has been presented with a handsome silver cup by the Dr. Edmunds, of the British Association. The lad was the one used to feed King George 111 in his tender years.

Acting under instruction from Rat Portage, Sgt. M. Egan on Tuesday arrested a man named Graham, who it is alleged, stole \$95 from W. H. Scott, of that town. Graham has been taken back to Rat Portage for trial.

Brandon, Dec. 2.—The military and medical boards, consisting of Col. Houghton, Capt. W. H. Scott, and Capt. W. H. Scott, met today. The evidence of the men belonging to Col. Houghton's scouts, wounded in the late

campaign, was received, consisting of Capt. Gardner, Sergeant Dalton and Privates Baker, Bruce, Hay, Phibbs and Thompson. The men leave for Winnipeg tomorrow.

C. M. Conhill, Napinka P.O., has been appointed marriage license issuer.

Shoal Lake, Dec. 3.—Times are booming at Shoal Lake. There are already three hotels and two livery stables under construction. Blacksmith-shop and carriage works are in full blast, besides several stores which are to be opened during next week.

Some of the more credulous of the half-breed population of S. Boniface firmly believe the spirit of Louis Riel nightly walks the banks of the Red River, and will continue to do so until his remains are brought down and interred in the graveyard at St. Boniface in accordance with his last wishes.

A meeting of the Virden Farmers' Union was held the other day, and the secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Egan's telegram and state particulars as to the position of affairs at Virden, and pointing out that it was absolutely necessary that some arrangement be made as early as possible to give accommodation for the shipment of grain bought in Virden, which the elevator could not at present handle.

Mr. R. Rogers, who has been locating the station of the Manitoba Southwestern Railway at Clearwater, has returned to town and is now at the Leland. Stations, he says, have now only been located at Pembina Valley, Crystal City and the points already mentioned. A very large quantity of wheat, Mr. Rogers states, has been shipped to Clearwater, the crop having turned out even better than was expected. About 200,000 bushels have been shipped into the town. The farmers are more than pleased with the way in which the line is being built, and lending all the assistance possible. Mr. Rogers states that great credit is due to the chief engineer, for having settled the farmers' claims in any way satisfying, and without in any way affecting the country or the line's interests.

Straus & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, wrote the Toronto Monetary Times, under date of Nov. 17th, as follows: "Although the value of business is much less than two or three years ago, still trade is fair and payments good. People are living more within their means than previously, and credit is much more judiciously dispensed. Although the population of Manitoba and the Northwest is larger than in the year when a larger volume of business was done, it may be accounted for by the fact that the country is producing many things that formerly were imported and sold to farmers. There has been very little eastern butter brought in this year, and need be no cheese, next year, as the factories here will be able to supply the demand. The same with a number of other articles. Aside from sugar and tea, and a few such articles, and clothing, nearly all the farmers can get along by living on and eating the produce of their farms."

Montreal, Dec. 3.—The engineers commissioned by the Canadian Pacific Railway to re-measure the contract section to the north of Lake Superior, have completed their labor, the result being that the company has overpaid the contractors \$1,200,000. Demands have been made to reimburse this money which, in case of the smaller sections have been complied with, but three of the largest contractors refuse, and suit is to recover the amounts have been entered. At Toronto, Commr. and McLaughlin sued for \$200,000 and R. R. McLaughlin for \$225,000.

The Manitoba freight department has issued a circular to take effect Dec. 5, withdrawing circular 136, May, 1st, 1885, abrogating the penalty clause on wheat when loaded in excess of capacity rules, and announcing that penalty charges will again be enforced and will effect all way bills, made on and after above date. All excess over and above the maximum will be charged double tariff rates except loaded foreign cars received from connecting lines, on which no penalty will be charged. All shippers of wheat are notified that during the continuation of cold weather the board would prefer them to load under the maximum car capacity rather than over.

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1:35 p.m. Brandon 1:40 p.m.
9:10 p.m. Broadview 8:00 p.m.
2:35 p.m. Regina 11:05 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Moose Jaw 8:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Swift Current 12:30 p.m.
9:15 p.m. Maple Creek 6:25 p.m.
1:55 a.m. Arrive Medicine Hat Leave 12:30 a.m.

Going South: 7:55 a.m. Leave Winnipeg Arrive 6:35 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
10:35 a.m. 10:10 p.m. Emerson 4:05 a.m. 4:40 p.m.
Arrive St. Vincent 3:45 a.m. 4:20 p.m.
10:50 a.m. 10:30 p.m.

Going North: 1:15 a.m. Leave Winnipeg Arrive 8:00 p.m.
1:45 a.m. Morris 4:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. Gretna 2:10 p.m.
4:30 p.m. Arrive Manitoba City Leave 8:30 a.m.

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Brandon Weekly Mail,

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SCHOOL MATTERS.

The last report of the Superintendent of Education for the Protestant Schools of the Province is at hand, and from it we glean the following particulars: The allowances for teachers in rural districts, in constant operation are a Legislative grant of \$100; a Municipal grant of \$240 and \$20 a month, while a teacher is employed. The balance of school expenses is to be made up by a levy on the lands within a radius of 3 miles of the school house. The total receipts of the Board of Education for the maintenance of Protestant schools were \$47,363, or an increase of \$6,865 over the previous year. The disbursements were \$40,682, an increase of \$9,815 over the previous year. In Feb. 1884, there were 359 rural districts formed, showing an increase of 88 over the previous year. The total payments for school inspection for 1884, were \$3,420. During 1884, debeaturs to the amount of \$99,750 had been issued by districts, Winnipeg taking \$50,000 of the amount. In November 1884, there were 14,129 Protestant children between the ages of 5 and 15 inclusive in the Province, a gain of 2,728 during the year. The number of these that attended school during the year was 13,641, a very good percentage.

MUNICIPAL LAW.

The Local Government appointed a committee composed of Mr. Justice Taylor and Messrs. Munson and Bernier, of Winnipeg, to look into the working of the Municipal System of the Province, and they have filed a report, which is said to embody the changes numbered in another column of this issue of the MAIL. The abolition of assessment of personal property is good in many respects, but it is not in all. For instance tenants may often be as wealthy as their neighbors on properties held as owners and they will have no taxes to pay though having the free use of roads, bridges and other improvements in the municipality paid for by the taxes of their less fortunate neighbors. In the way assessments are made, the assessment of personal property appears to be nearly a farce, as the assessors for the most part take the statement of the assessed, and that very rarely fully represents the value of the chattels. To make a correct assessment of a municipality personal property must be included.

They also recommend a triennial instead of an annual assessment as at present. The merits of such a change would be more appreciated as the country grows older; but it will be attended with considerable difficulty under the circumstances, changes in ownership being of frequent occurrence, but more especially in municipalities having small, prosperous villages within their limits.

The union of two or more municipalities for legislative purposes, so as to reduce the number of Councillors, Clerks, Assessors and other officers is an excellent suggestion. I would also be well if the number of meetings of councils, to be held each year, was limited. At present much of the business of municipalities is conducted in a nonsensical, extravagant manner. For instance the great bulk of the work of the municipalities is let by tender, under the supervision of individual councillors or the clerk, and when it is done the councils are called together to pass the bills. As the recommendation of the councillors or the clerk have to be taken for the proper completion of the work, it would be much better, if the regulations of the councils would allow the Reeve and Clerk to make payments between meetings, for all work let by tender, on the recommendation of the officers in charge. This would save many a council meeting, and many a dollar of Councillors' fees.

The abolition of the Judicial District Officers is hinted at, and the substitution of officers hired and paid by the government, in their place, throwing the bulk of the business of the boards back, into the hands of the municipalities, these officers in turn to have charge of the Administration of justice, the cost of which to be paid by the municipalities. We do not think this would be a change for the better. We disapproved of the Boards in the first place, as it entailed an unnecessary expenditure for the erection of Court Houses, and the consequent paraphernalia of jail gaolers &c., &c. The better plan would have been the utilisation of ordinary buildings by the officials necessary to the existence of Boards transmitting the custody of all prisoners under lengthy sentences to the provincial penitentiary; but now that the expenses of the buildings and the officers of justice are forced upon the people, it would be a sad mistake to deprive the people of their right to administer justice to themselves, and relegate the work to an official of the government. An improvement in the constitution of Councils and Boards with a consequent reduction of taxation would be in a return of municipal management to County Councils, as was in vogue three years ago, and the wardens in the District constituting the Board with power to elect their own chairman, and to appoint other officials required. In our next issue we will deal with other features of the suggested change.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

As the season for electing new Municipal Councils is at hand, we have a word of advice to give the ratepayers, and that is to elect good men, wherever they are willing to serve. This thing of allowing local prejudices and whims to interfere with elections is a complete nuisance very often resulting in serious loss. For the same reason retain good clerks and assessors wherever they exist. New men at lower salaries, may be more expensive in the long run, by making errors and mistakes. We would also suggest the advisability of holding fewer meetings in the year—four are enough for any municipality, and the payments of accounts for tendered work, which often occasion otherwise unnecessary sessions, by the signatures of the Reeves and Clerks, on the certificate of the overseeing officer, the work has been properly performed.

Gen. Supt. Egan says that this "cold snap" has occurred owing to the electric current being turned into the Big Bend at Farwell. Until this current is put back in its proper place the present cold weather will last for some time. So says the Winnipeg News. If Mr. Egan would only send some of the Farmers' Union out there, and by the way he appears to have considerable influence with that fraternity, he would do a good turn for Manitoba. This would also be in the eternal fitness of things, as every light in the Union appears to have considerable to do with wind, in their every day callings.

Josquin Miller is greatly incensed at Canada's because she hanged Riel. He tells Americans to keep away from Canada. "Don't go into Canada next year to summer, nor the next year, nor the next," he says. Yes; if the United States would only keep their rogues, robbers and vagabonds of other professions at home, it would be a good job for Canada, leaving the hanging of Riel out of the question altogether.

When the circulation of the Toronto Globe began to fall off some years ago, and its influence to wane it tried to bolster up its falling fortunes by going into the second hand watch business. Since W. F. Luxton ran for South Winnipeg and got defeated, and the Free Press became too nasty for anything, its circulation and influence also began to go, and we find Mr. Luxton in the second-hand wagon and organ business. Proprietors of Grit organs seem to have a penchant for the "old clo" business, they are apparently more at home in it than in politics! Cold day for a newspaper when it has to become a free gift enterprise.

The Free Press of 27th Nov. contained a report of a so called "Indignation meeting at Virden," at which the ir-presbable wind-bag of the Farmers' Union was the chief indignant.

According to the report of this meeting a telegram had been sent to Mr. Egan threatening that if the farmers were not allowed to ship wheat from the track, Mr. Purvis would withdraw the Union buyer, and call an indignation meeting.

At a subsequent meeting of this Virden Farmer's Union, Mr. Purvis not being present, the chairman took occasion to make the following very sensible and very un-Purvis-and-Farmers-Union-like remarks—which are rather rough on Purvis and the Union:

"The chairman pointed out that all that was wanted in the way of shipping facilities could be got from the railway company without less trouble by approaching the company in a courteous manner than by attempting to force matters by demands or threats. The railway was here for the public convenience, and without public support the shareholders could never expect to get any dividend; they might rest assured, therefore, that as soon as the secretary or manager of the road under the way of shipping accommodation some arrangements would be made that would be satisfactory. At present he might tell them we were in the way of having things righted so far as two bins were to be set aside in Ogilvie's elevator for the Union buyer. This was a step in the right direction, and no doubt fuller accommodation would be arranged for ere long."

Birtle Observer: When applying for his patent will be the actual settler, with his hair bleached by the winter's storm, his skin browned by the scorching summer sun, and his hands knotted and hardened by constant labor, he is compelled, in the future—as he has in the past—to come before the lordly agent at the land office and bring two or three of his neighbors with him to swear that he is not a liar and a swindler or a public robber, or will the homesteader, under the new regulations, be treated as a man and a Briton and not insulted as a thief and tried as a criminal!

Yes, Mr. observer, as long as the homesteaders in Manitoba and the Northwest desire to get their patents they will have to comply with the law, and go to the head office with two neighbors and show by affidavit, that the applicant has fulfilled his duties. Why should it be otherwise? Surely some safeguard must surround these matters. The amount of wholesale perjury for patents was appalling, and the best evidence of the law as it now stands being correct, is the fact that men are now days more careful in what they swear to.

If our Birtle friend thinks it a hardship for a man to go to the land office with two neighbors, (to whom he will reciprocate when their time comes,) and make a simple

affidavit the preparation and swearing to which costs them nothing, what does he say about the United States Land laws? In Dakota, an applicant for a homestead patent requires to give five weeks notice in a newspaper of his intention to apply for patent giving the names of the witnesses he intends to produce, and the day and date upon which he intends to make his application. He has to employ an attorney, and pay his fees for drawing the affidavits, and appearing before the court and pays for the advertisement? But worse than all he has to swear that he has resided on his homestead continually for five years. For those who do not see through green spectacles, Dominion Land laws are not so bad after all.

The Ultra Grits, represented in Ontario by the Globe, and in the Northwest by the Free Press, are more than tawing themselves. The Reil meeting in Quebec, the reports of the formation of a new party in that Province and the disaffection of the French supporters of Sir John are (un-) to the rabid Grit.

We have never had a very high opinion of Grit political morality, and we must say the language and ideas used and expressed in the leading Grit organs have of late been simply disgusting and unbecomingly so.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROTESTANT SECTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A committee was appointed, consisting of the superintendent, Rev. Prof. Hart and Mr. Luxton, to provide and arrange for an exhibit of the educational system of the Province at the Colonial Exhibition in London next year, the exhibit to include a description and history of the progress of education, photographic or other views of rural and urban school houses, and illustrative samples of text books, school apparatus and furniture.

The superintendent reported in regard to Scripture Readings for use in the schools—that the Honorable the Minister of Education for Ontario had consented to supply this board with the volume in use there, at cost. He also presented a revision of the regulations in regard to religious exercises in schools.

The board authorized that one thousand copies of the Scripture Readings be furnished, and that such changes be made in the title and introductory pages of the book as may be suitable to its adaptation to use in the schools of Manitoba.

The following are the regulations regarding religious teaching in the schools, as revised and adopted:

Every school established and in operation under the authority of the Protestant section of the board of education shall be opened and closed daily with prayer as follows:

Opening—One or more of the forms of prayer printed on the cover of the authorized school register or the volume of described scripture readings shall be used, always including the Lord's prayer, repeated together by teacher and pupils.

Closing—One or more of the forms of prayer provided as above.

BIBLE READING.

The Bible shall be made as a text-book in the Protestant schools of Manitoba. A supply for use in each school may be obtained by the trustees, otherwise each pupil from standard 3 upwards shall be required to provide himself with a Bible, in addition to his other text books.

The selections for reading shall be exclusively those contained in the volume of Scripture Readings authorized for use in the schools of the Province by the Protestant section of the Board of Education, and the trustees of each school shall provide a volume of these readings for the use of the teacher.

The Scripture Lesson in each school shall follow the opening prayer, and shall occupy not more than fifteen minutes daily. Until notes and questions are provided under the authority of the board, the readings shall not be accompanied by comment or explanation.

The pupils of each school, from Standard II upward shall be taught to repeat from memory the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed; and one half hour weekly may be devoted to this exercise and such other instructions in manners and morals as may be practicable.

Mr. Gordon moved seconded by Professor Hart, that inasmuch as it appears from the statement of the Superintendent, it is desirable to provide for the training of third class teachers during a session of six weeks commencing in January next, this board authorize the Principal of the Normal School to secure the services of a suitable assistant for that period, with the approval of the Superintendent, at a cost not exceeding seventy five dollars. The motion was carried.

By-laws for the formation of the following school districts were presented, accompanied by the necessary petitions, and were reported by the superintendent as having been passed in accordance with the regulations of the board. They were therefore duly confirmed upon motion of Rev. Canon O'Meara, seconded by Professor Hart.

By-law No. 27, of the Municipality of Wallace, for the formation of Bess Hill school district.

Resolution of the Reeves of Harrison and Strathclair and the local inspector for the formation of Harrison school districts.

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THE PUBLIC DEBT OF FRANCE.

The thoughtful citizens of France are getting anxious over their great and continually increasing National debt. The funded obligations of the Republic, which at the time of the overthrow of which in 1870 were about \$1,500,000,000, had been increased in 1873, by the indemnity paid to Germany, and by other war expenses, to \$4,000,000,000. Since 1873 there has been a succession of annual deficits and of temporary borrowing, so that there is now a floating debt of nearly \$2,000,000,000, making the total public debt of the country \$6,000,000,000. This is more than three times the amount of our own national debt—Treasury bonds and coin certificates included—and more than one and a half times the national debt of Great Britain. The population of France is but 37,000,000, against 50,000,000, and the 35,000,000 of the United Kingdom. Her annual taxation is about \$700,000,000, while ours is only \$350,000,000—including about \$50,000,000 for the sinking fund—and that of Great Britain \$435,000,000. How heavily this burden of debt presses upon the industry of the French people needs no demonstration, and it is no wonder that it excites alarm among them.—N. Y. Sun.

Rough on the Reed Bird.

The populous, but unpopular, English sparrow is making himself still more a nuisance than ever by mixing with the reed birds along the Pennsylvania marshes and getting shot in large numbers. The sportsmen find it hard to distinguish between the two birds, and bring down many more sparrows than reed birds, but console themselves by carefully plucking the tough sparrow and passing him in the market for the dainty little butter ball of a reed bird.—Boston Herald.

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A full table service of pure gold makes bright the board of Mrs. Catherine Astor.—N. Y. Sun.

Governor De Witt Clinton, Senator Eli Wright, Secretary of State W. L. Marcy, Chief Justice Sanford E. Church, Senator Reuben E. Fenton, all distinguished citizens of New York, died suddenly of heart disease.

The increasing masculinity of English girls is a topic for many London essays. In dress, talk and manner it is the fashion with daughters of wealth and refinement to be as much like their brothers as decorum will allow.

A valued exchange has a special telegram which states that General Posada Herrera, Quilich is dead. This surprises us. We supposed he was enjoying his usual good health. By the way, who was Senator Quilich?—N. Y. Graphic.

Prospect, in Miami County, O., has a citizen, Robert Crutley, who has been a constant communicant of the Presbyterian Church for eighty-one years. He recently celebrated his one hundred and second birthday anniversary.—Oreland Leader.

Governor Solomon Nepton, of the Fenwick Indians, is a stately old man with a wide, smooth, good-natured face and a heavy head of iron-gray hair. He is seventy-three years old and can not read or write, but speaks English fairly well.—Boston Globe.

Sam Jones says: "One dollar that a boy sweats for is worth one hundred thousand dollars that any boy will win in lottery." Mr. Jones thinks a boy who wins one hundred thousand dollars in lottery without perspiring he only exhibits his ignorance of how such institutions are managed.—N. Y. Herald.

Charles G. Leland writes that the masses in France believe that our civil war was between the Spaniards of North America and the negroes of North America. He affirms that as fast as Frenchmen learn that we are very much like Englishmen their feeling changes to hatred.—N. Y. Herald.

A novel funeral procession blocked the streets in the busiest part of London a few days ago. It was made up of empty cabs, and they moved two abreast in a line that stretched for about a mile and a half. The hearse held the body of a cab driver, whose fellow who volunteered to honor the funeral in this way.

A correspondent of the Boston Transcript says that Newport has a great reputation in England. Lady Churchill, Mrs. Paget, Lady Cavendish-Bentinck, Lady Mandeville were all Newport belles, and it is said that the Englishman who comes he would like to see American wife fancies to Newport to look for her.

How do you know that the bachelors could marry the old maids if they wanted to? asks an old maid in a Texas paper. If you think the old maids are all on the anxious seat to marry, and that the old bachelors can get them for the asking, you are mistaken. Most maids over thirty are single from choice and not from compulsion, as you seem to imagine.

President McCosh, of Princeton College, has two daughters who are great walkers. They are in the habit of walking to Trenton.—

one back, a distance of about twenty miles, where they do their shopping. One day a dupe accosted Miss Bridget McCosh on the road and said, in the usual manner: "Beg pardon, but may I walk with you?" She replied: "Certainly," and let herself out a little. After the first half mile the masquerade began to gasp, and then, as she passed on with a smile, he sat down panting on a milestone and mopped the perspiration from his brow.—N. Y. Tribune.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

—They make two billion shingles every year in Michigan, and yet the small boy in that State grows up and turns pirate just the same.—Philadelphia Call.

—A lesson in physical geography: Teacher—"Now, can any of you children tell me what mountains are for?" Tommy (promptly)—"For summer resorts."—Golden Days.

—Bald-headed gentleman in the park to young lady in dress-circle during an affectionate passage in the play: "I respect your emotion, ma'am, but you are shedding tears on my head."—Chicago Tribune.

—What's the first thing you would do, Jones, if you were stung by a hornet?" asked Smith, who had been reading an article on the treatment of stings. "Swear," replied Jones, solemnly. And the conversation abruptly ceased.—Boston Courier.

—Teacher—"Mary, define the word 'average.'" Mary—"It is what the hens lay eggs on." Teacher—"How do you make that out?" Mary—"The book says so. It says that 'a good hen lays one egg every day on the average.'"—Toledo Blade.

—The dude's wish. She kissed her pug—with haste across And raised upon that creature's nose A storm of scoldings sweet. The dude reclining at her feet Remarked, as he looked sideways up: "I wish that I'd been born a pug." Then smiling coldly from her throne, She said: "And were you born full grown?"

—Now that I have bought a pistol, wife, we need have no fear of burglars. Have you placed it in a convenient place?" "Yes, I've locked it up in my empty trunk and I've thrown away the key." "What did you do that for?" "Because I was afraid you'd shoot yourself."—Boston Courier.

—Scene—The exterior of a country dwelling. Characters—City boarders. "Alas, she is no more!" wails Phasiscus (alluding to a young maiden who is vainly endeavoring to swing an old-fashioned lawn clipper.) "Well, that's about the scythe of it," lispes Dingobly affirmatively.—Detroit Free Press.

—Snooks—Yes, sir; I believe in giving my children the best education money can buy. My father never spared no expense on my schooling. De Taffee—You will give them an academic education, then? Snooks—Of course I will. That's what I got, and if it takes every cent I have all my boys and girls shall be macadamized.—Exchange.

AN ASSURED RUIN.

A Specimen of the "New" Despatches to the United States. The following is a specimen of the absurdly false despatches sent from this city by correspondents of American journals:

BRANDON, N. W. T., Nov. 23.—Since the execution of Riel at Regina on the 16th inst., there has been a great deal of excitement, not only here, but throughout the entire country. Rumors of every conceivable description have been afloat, popular among which is one that Riel was seen in person on the north bank of the Saskatchewan on Wednesday last in company with a person answering the description of Gabriel Dumont, and there is a strong suspicion in the minds of many that Louis Riel, whom the Government calls a "rebel" and the opposition a "patriot."

IS NOW LIVING AND BREATHING the free air of the Northwest, and he who paid the penalty on the 16th inst. was a clever and generous substitute in the person of one of the condemned prisoners at Regina jail. Be this as it may, there are a great many speaking out now, who before the execution were silent, and their expressed opinions are that the Dominion Government, and not Louis Riel, was the cause and effect of the late Saskatchewan rebellion, and to it alone is due the punishment which it has already meted out and is meting out to the Indians and half-breeds of that district. There are a large number of half-breed families in the Saskatchewan district who have not a house to live in, nor even clothing to keep them half comfortable through the winter. These people were comfortably circumstanced before the rebellion, but their

GOODS AND CHATELAIN were destroyed by Middleton's soldiers by order of the government at Ottawa. Many here are of the opinion that Riel, never having taken part in any of the engagements, his punishment was not justifiable by death. Others say the jury's recommendation to mercy was equivalent to a commutation of the death sentence to penal servitude; while a great number, and I might say the majority, are of the opinion that the man was insane, and not responsible for his actions; and this is the belief of the entire half-breed population, both in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Hon. John Norquay included; but the Liberal say that "Half-breed" John is a "paid spy" of Sir John, and

things, as they now stand in this country, look very shaky for the present party in power and the chances are that the next general election here will work as great a change in the affairs of state as did the late presidential contest in your country. Business throughout the entire country is good; in fact it is on a sounder basis and more solid than it has ever been before, and with a few amendments to the land laws, and redresses to the half-breed claims, and, last, though not least, our government a little more Americanized, the people would be able to live quite comfortably.

THE LIBERALS WIN.

Almost Certain That They Will Have a Working Majority.

THE COUNTIES GOING STRONGLY IN THEIR FAVOR.

Only 72 Out of 144 Remaining Seats Required to Make Them Safe—The Latest Returns.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The counties are polling so strongly for the Liberals that they promise a Liberal majority over the Tories and Parnellites combined. The Conservatives, requiring to win 122 more seats out of the 144 still unpolled, of which it is calculated that 30 will poll to the Parnellites, cannot possibly maintain power independent of the Parnellites. The opinion of the Conservative clubs is opposed to placing any reliance on the Parnellites, but favors the early resignation of the Salisbury Ministry. In order to gain an absolute majority, the Liberals only need to win half the seats still unpolled.

THE RETURNS.

The election for members for parliament for the eastern division of Cork resulted in the return of W. J. Lane, Nationalist, by 4,314 votes to 266 for Stewart, Loyalist.

For the middle division of Cork, Dr. J. C. Tanner, Nationalist, was elected by 5,033 to 106 for Arthur Patton, Loyalist. Worcester, south division—Sir R. Tompkins, Conservative, elected over A. Chamberlain, Liberal.

Lancashire, Darwin division—Lord Cranborne, Conservative, elected over J. G. Fother, Liberal.

Cork, southeast division—John Hooper, Nationalist, elected.

Longford, north division—Justin McCarthy, Nationalist elected.

At Tattenham, Middlesex, Mr. (ain Junior, Lord of the Admiralty in Gladstone's Government, was defeated, making the tenth member of that government defeated at this election.

The list of successful candidates now stands: Liberals, 262 Tories, 211; Parnellites, 52.

Corrected returns for the southeast division of Cork give Alderman John G. Hooper 4,620 votes, and Mrs. Warren 661. Mr. Chamberlain, Radical leader, voted at Leicester to-day and subsequently made a speech, in which he said that the defeat of the Liberals in the boroughs are due to five P's, viz: Priests, Parnellites, Parsons, Parnellites and Protectionists, though a combination is unlikely to recur. Parnell boasted that he had throttled the Liberal party. He would probably regret the boast if true. He had throttled the great machinery that existed for securing justice to Ireland. Mr. Chamberlain said he did not believe it to be permanent alienation of Irish voters for the Liberal party. The country would probably have for a short time a weak government, existing by the sufferance of its opponents. If it did not merit mischief it might live. It did the Liberals would speedily end it. He hoped that among the lessons which the elections taught would be this: He had not lost by having a clear definite policy that nothing could be gained by whittling away issues until indistinguishable from measures advocated by opponents.

Lord Rosebery delivered a speech at Glasgow to-day. He gave clearly his views on the terms of the existence of the new parliament. Lord Rosebery said it would be a short lived parliament. The symptoms indicate that it would be an unhealthy and feeble parliament. Ireland, he said, had shown great impatience towards Gladstone. Mr. Gladstone has issued an address to the Liberal electors of Middlethorpe, in which he thanked them for their support. He takes a hopeful view of the result of the election, and scouts the idea of a coalition of the Conservatives and Whigs.

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" Milford route, Wednesdays, Saturdays & 6:30 p. m.
" Souris & Co., Tuesday, 5 p. m.
" Antlers, Menota, Souris, &c., Thursday at 5 p. m.
" Deloraine route, 5 p. m.
" Pendergast, Fridays at 11 a. m.

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For the east daily at 12 p. m.
" west 3 p. m.
" Rapid City daily at 3 p. m.
" Milford route, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a. m.
" Souris & Co. Beresford Tuesdays at 7 a. m.
" Antlers, Menota, Souris, &c., Fridays, 7 a. m.
" Deloraine, Fridays, at 7 a. m.
" Pendergast, Fridays, 2:30 p. m.

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EXTRAORDINARY NEWS!

For the People of Manitoba and the Northwest.

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Having paid a visit to the Eastern Markets during the past summer, I made some very heavy purchases in several lines of Fall and Winter goods, such as Tweed Suits, Tweed Overcoats.

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TOWN TOPICS

Ex-Alderman Durst, was in Winnipeg this week, and as usual he returned alone.

P. R. Johnston has hung out his shingle on 7th St. as a Phrenologist.

The Masons are to have a grand ball on the night of St. John's day, the 28th inst.

The Hickson-Frank case still hangs fire in the Police Court, but will be up in a few days.

McGregor's horse sale took place at the stock yards yesterday. A number of animals changed hands at good prices.

W. A. Green, lately returned from British Columbia, is opening a first-class restaurant in the store on the corner of 7th St. and Rosser Avenue.

The Free Press at length admits 50 cars of wheat have been shipped here within 48 hours. It would pay Bro't her Luxton to see Pacific Avenue a few times a week.

Rev'd. James C. Quinn, who has been preaching in the 2nd Presbyterian Church here, left for Emerson on Tuesday, to assume the Pastorate of Emerson Presbyterian Church.

It appears the British elections give the Liberals a majority of one in the House. The votes count now, Liberals, 319; Tories, 245; Parcellites, 73. As a matter of fact Gladstone will either have to coquet with the Parcellites or step aside.

Several efforts are to be made to secure charters for railways starting from Brandon, at the next session of the House. The Northwest Central is to be re-constructed, and another company are fighting for the same field. The Rock Lake, Souris, and Brandon scheme is to be rehabilitated, and a scheme for a line to the Souris coal field is on foot.

Lockey, Brandon's celebrated brick maker, was fined \$200 and \$44 costs, by Judge Richardson at Regina, on the charge of smuggling liquor into the N. W. T. or given the alternative six months. We have not heard which of the two horns of the dilemma he accepted. The J. P. of Wapella who fined Lockey for the same offence, without the original charge, was severely handled by the Judge.

Many people will regret to learn that Rev. Pettit has refused to stand again for the re-election of his municipality, principally for the reason that he contemplates giving up farming altogether. Mr. Pettit has served his municipality faithfully and well. It is understood that Councillor Sargent is to become a candidate for the position, and doubtless he will have no opposition. The electors should always select experienced men for these positions, when they are willing to serve.

Mr. Herron's rink was crowded last evening with the youth and beauty of the city. The waiting rooms have been enlarged to meet the wants of the increasing numbers that nightly attend. They all prefer ice notwithstanding it is a little harder exercise.

The new Methodist church at Alexander Station is to be formally opened on Sunday the 20th inst, by the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, of the Portage, and on the following evening (Monday) a tea meeting on a very extensive scale is to be held. An excellent tea, good music, and good addresses may be expected.

Although we reported a slight decline in the price of wheat last week, it was really confined to the damaged grades. In fact as high as 68 cents is now being paid for the first quality, and some sales are reported at even more. A number of cars has been loaded during the week, and the glut is nearly removed. There is a good demand for pork, butter &c, and the prices are a trifle higher than quoted last week.

On Monday last, the candidates talked for some days past were nominated for Aldermen in this City, and the nominations closed at that. Mayor Smart was re-elected by acclamation. In Ward one, the candidates are, Lee, Hanbury and McKenna; in two, Johnston, Stewart, Adams, Todd and Spence; in three, J. Dickinson, J. H. Hughes, A.C. Fraser and A. Burns; in four, Bucke, Powell, Anderson and Peasley. As a matter of fact Todd and Spence think that with the other three candidates elected, where there is room but for two, there still is a living necessity for their election, and it is a pity to disturb their dreams.

The following is the number of meetings of Councils attended by the different Aldermen, during the year, of a total of 33 meetings:

Mayor Smart.....	10
Ald. Arthur.....	35
" Hughes.....	21
" Barclay.....	26
" Johnston.....	39
" Stewart.....	25
" Lee.....	27
" Dickinson.....	27
" Robinson.....	23
" Cameron.....	26
" Larkin.....	22
" Bucke.....	32
" Kavanagh.....	20

MARRIED.

Boyle-Kirschner-On the 22nd inst. at Souris, by the incumbent, Rev. T. C. Cogg, B.A., B.D., Richard Berendson Kirschner, son of Richard Boyle and Isabelle Kirschner, of Ballymore, Co. Cork, Ireland, to Mary Elizabeth Jane Young, daughter of Dr. Francis and Marianne Charlotte Young, of Bedford, England; all of Souris.

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